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FM AMEMBASSY ALGIERS
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INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS
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TAGS: ETRD, AG, EEC, FR
SUBJ: ALGERIAN DISCRIMINATION AGAINST IMPORTS FROM FRANCE

1. ARTICLE IN JANUARY 10 LE MONDE REPORTS THAT GOA HAS RECENTLY
ISSUED DIRECTIVES DESIGNED TO REDUCE ALGERIAN IMPORTS FROM FRANCE.
PRIVATE DEALERS HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT IMPORT LICENCES FOR FRENCH
GOODS WILL NOT BE ISSUED. STATE IMPORT MONOPOLIES HAVE "LET IT BE
KNOWN" THAT THEY INTEND TO AVOID FRENCH PRODUCTS. MINISTRY OF ENERGY
AND PETROCHEMICALS HAS ISSUED A CIRCULAR ALLOWING STATE FIRMS UNDER
ITS TUTELAGE TO BUY NECESSARY SPARE PARTS FROM FRANCE AND TO CON-
CLUDE DEALS THAT HAVE REACHED A VERY ADVANCED STAGE OF NEGOCIATION,
BUT ONLY AFTER AN INDETERMINATE FREEZE PERIOD. OTHER DEALS BEING
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NEGOTIATED ARE TO BE ABANDONED.

2. LE MONDE SAYS ALGERIANS POINT TO ALGERIAN DEFICIT IN TRADE WITH
FRANCE, SUPPOSEDLY UNCOMPETITIVE FRENCH CREDIT TERMS, AND THE DET-
ERIORATION OF FRENCH/ALGERIAN POLITICAL RELATIONS AS REASONS FOR
MOVES.

3. COMMENT: FRENCH EMBASSY SUPPOSES THAT GOA WOULD NOT FORMALLY ADMIT TO A POLICY THAT IS A CLEAR VIOLATION OF THE NON-DISCRIMINATION PROVISIONS OF THE EC/ALGERIA TRADE AGREEMENT. FRENCH CERTAIN THAT DISCRIMINATORY DIRECTIVES EXIST, HOWEVER, BUT DO NOT INTEND TO RAISE ISSUE NOW. FRENCH SAY THAT FOR THE MOMENT THEY HAVE BIGGER ISSUES WITH ALGERIANS AND WILL KEEP THIS ONE IN THE CUPBOARD FOR SOME LATER DATE. NEVERTHELESS AT LAST MINUTE FRENCH EMBASSY ECONOMIC/ FINANCIAL COUNSELOR TELLS US HE IS BEING SUMMONED TO PARIS TO DISCUSS ISSUE.HAYNES

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